

# ABERFELDY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## Meeting

Messenger Video Chat Discussion

***Tuesday 7th April 2020 at 7.30pm***

### **MINUTES DRAFT**

Due to the Corona situation, the normal Community Council meeting was postponed, and we attempted to hold meeting via video Messenger. It proved quite difficult to do this with the numbers intended, and several potential contributors were not able to sign in. Nevertheless, we were able to discuss a number of ongoing issues.

#### **Welcome**

Present: Victor Clements (Chair), Lorraine Reed (vice Chair), Elaine Murdoch (secretary), Jean Duff (Treasurer), Val Ferguson, Cllrs John Duff & Xander Mc Dade, Norma Carr (Community warden).

#### **Apologies**

Police Scotland, Cllr Mike Williamson, Avril Taylor, Ian Menzies and Karen Mackay.

#### **Minutes of previous meeting**

Minutes were taken as read, proposed by Norma Carr and seconded by Lorraine Reed.

#### **Matters Arising**

We assume the VE Day celebrations will be cancelled or postponed.

The Square was to be finished in May, but we will have to monitor current situation to see whether this can take place or not.

Initial discussions had taken place re north side of Golf Course being sold, but this was likely to be low priority at the moment.

Likely that the 20 mph trial has been very significantly disrupted, and PKC staff assigned to other priorities. Speed monitoring equipment has been removed.

No further information on speeding bumps on Taybridge Terrace. Review where we are when things open up again.

PKC have not yet asked for £15,000 community warden money yet.

Some other potential Matters Arising will be de-prioritized for now.

## **Crime Prevention and Community Safety**

Community warden time has been reallocated to help support community resilience efforts.

There had been a number of serious crimes over the previous month or so, all detected, including 2 X assaults, 1 X attempted murder, 1 X vandalism and 1 X drugs case. There have also been two cases of vandalism which had not yet been detected.

The public response to the corona situation has been largely very supportive.

### **Focus Topics:**

#### Coronavirus- open discussion

There was a general consensus that Aberfeldy had adjusted to the current situation very well, with a range of initiatives, businesses and individuals all helping out in different ways. The Feldy Roo scheme had been very well publicized and was expanding wider in to the PH15 area, but the Time Bank/ Birks Cinema Trust, community larder, churches, Breathe and a range of businesses were all playing an important contribution as well. There were few obvious problems at the moment, but this could change if/ when the financial situation gets worse for people. The 3 X cllrs were all very pro-active at making people aware of the various strands of financial and welfare payments that were available.

While things appeared to be working fairly well within the town itself, we were aware of people isolated in more rural areas, and making sure these people are supported as well will become increasingly important. There were a number of initiatives taking place in Pitlochry as well, but they were not organized or profiled to the extent that they are here. There has been a level of communication between the two towns so that people can learn from each other. It was noted that Kinloch Rannoch seemed to be well organized and supported by their shops as well.

#### Funding situation

Each of the Community Councils in the Griffin & Calliacher area will be receiving £11,000 in micro grant funding, paying out up to £1000 per project, but with discretion to go beyond this where required. The main Griffin/ Calliacher fund would also be re-focused to concentrate on the current situation. There were also a number of other potential funding options, and the FeldyRoo initiative had also demonstrated that public fundraising could also work very effectively.

#### Micro grants update

The community council had approved applications from the community larder, Breathe, the Time Bank and a private initiative to provide more face masks free of charge within the town. The CC would look to turn around applications quickly. Our issue to beware off is that while almost all the active organizations are based in Aberfeldy, they are almost all working at a PH15 wide scale, so people should consider applications or part applications to the other community councils as well.

#### What is role of Community Council?

Most of the activity taking place at the moment is being organized by individual initiatives, businesses and individuals. The CC will simply keep an eye on things, and work with PKC, the 3 X cllrs and others to resolve or prioritize any issues that come up. All CC members are involved

individually with various things that are going on, and there is no requirement at the moment to try and go beyond this.

### **Griffin Community Benefit Panel**

The CC Chairs were discussing proposed endowment fund, and it is hoped to progress this quickly.

We hoped to hear shortly from SSE re how the main fund would operate within the current situation.

### **Reports**

#### Chair

Nothing else to report. Contact had been made re cycling provision between and Aberfeldy and Comrie bridge, but this will be brought up at subsequent meeting.

#### Secretary

Nothing else to report

#### Treasurer

No changes to report. The CC were helping give banking support to Feldy Roo.

### **Clrs Reports**

John Duff reported that the community hubs/ childcare position was evolving, but that there was a relatively low demand in Highland Perthshire for this. PKC was aware of the need to support more vulnerable children in the current circumstances as well, and that it was not just key workers who needed support with childcare.

### **AOCB**

**Date of Next Meeting** Tues 5<sup>th</sup> May 2020.

We would look to convene meetings on a more regular basis if there was a requirement to do this.